## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Goro KATSUYAMA, et al.

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## REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.	S. Application Serial Number 10/1	02,967, filed 3/22/02, is claimed pursuant to the
Full benefit of the filing date(s) of §119(e):	U.S. Provisional Application(s) is <b>Application No.</b>	claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C <u>Date Filed</u>
Applicants claim any right to priori	ty from any earlier filed application	ons to which they may be entitled pursuant to

the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

APPLICATION NUMBER

Japan	2001-083807	March 22, 2001			
Japan	2002-046670	February 22, 2002			
Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)  are submitted herewith  will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee					
	were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/102,967 filed 3/22/02				
□ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.					
□ (A) A	Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No.	o. filed ; and			
□ (B) A	Application Serial No.(s)				
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Respectfully Submitted,

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